

March 3, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Transit Committee

FROM: Debbie Cotton, City of Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, March 11, 2010, 1:30 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transit Committee will be held at the time and place noted above. Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage. Committee members or their proxies may attend in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call. Those attending video conference must notify the MAG site three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call please contact MAG offices for conference call instructions.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Draft February 11, 2010 Minutes

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transit Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transit Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. Transit Program Manager's Report

The MAG Transit Program Manager will review recent transit planning activities and upcoming agenda items for other MAG committees.

5. Programming 2009 and 2010 for the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Transit Component of the Draft 2011-2015 MAG TIP

The MAG Transit Committee is tasked with programming federal transit funds for the MAG region. There are currently unprogrammed federal 5307 and 5309 balances in 2009 and 2010 in the FY 2008 - 2012 MAG TIP. The Transit Committee needs to approve changes, modifications, and amendments to the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP for projects in 2009 and 2010.

The development of the DRAFT FY 2011 - 2015 TIP has been underway since summer 2009. MAG has worked with the results of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program of projects, the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP) priorities, the transit

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Approve Draft minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting.

3. For information and discussion.

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5. 1) Recommend approval to amend the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP for projects to be funded with 5307 and 5309 federal funds in 2009 and 2010 and; 2) Recommend approval for the transit listing of projects for inclusion in the Draft FY 2011-2015 MAG TIP.

projects in the current 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the current transit programming guidance to develop a listing of Transit projects for 2009-2015. Please see Attachment One for additional information.

6. Update on METRO High Capacity Transit Project Planning Activities

Valley Metro Rail (METRO) manages project planning activities related to the 57-mile high capacity transit system identified in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. METRO staff will update the Transit Committee on current work activities, including recent modifications to the high capacity transit component of the Transit Life Cycle Program (TLCP). Please refer to Attachment Two for additional information.

7. Commuter Rail Planning Update

Since 2006, MAG has been engaged in a series of studies to evaluate the feasibility of implementing commuter rail services. The current studies include a Grand Avenue Corridor Development Plan, a Yuma West Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan, and a regional Commuter Rail System Study. Staff will update the Transit Committee on the status of the three studies. It is anticipated that the three studies will be brought to the Transit Committee in April for review and acceptance.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transit Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Transit Committee meeting will be scheduled Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information and discussion.

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9. For information.